
NO. 479
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL
October 5, 2006
MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council (RC) of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Yvonne Burke, Supervisor, County of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Hon. Yvonne B. Burke, President, Los Angeles County	
Hon. Gary Ovitt, 1st Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme, Immediate Past President	District 45
Hon. Chris Norby, Orange County	
Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Hon. Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Hon. Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Hon. Deborah Robertson	District 8
Hon. Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Hon. Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Hon. Paul Glabb, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Hon. Leslie Daigle, Newport Beach	District 14
Hon. Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Hon. Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Hon. Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Hon. David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Hon. Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Hon. Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Hon. Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Hon. Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Hon. Mike Ten, South Pasadena	District 36
Hon. Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Hon. Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Hon. Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Hon. Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Hon. Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Hon. Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Hon. Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Hon. Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Hon. Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA

Members Not Present

Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Hon. Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Hon. Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Hon. Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Hon. Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest, 2 nd Vice President	District 13
Hon. Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula	District 5
Hon. Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Hon. Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Hon. Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Hon. John Beauman, Brea	District 22
Hon. Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Hon. Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Hon. Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Hon. Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30
Hon. Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Hon. Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Hon. Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Hon. Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Hon. Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Hon. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Hon. Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Hon. Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Hon. Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Hon. Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Hon. Herb Wesson, Los Angeles	District 57
Hon. Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Hon. Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Hon. Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Hon. Jose Huizar, Jr., Los Angeles	District 61
Hon. Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Hon. Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Hon. Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Hon. Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC
Hon. Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC
Hon. Andy Masiel, TASIN	

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Wayne Moore, Chief Financial Officer
Hasan Ikhata, Director, Planning & Policy
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Lisa Taylor, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Supervisor Gary Ovitt, San Bernardino County.

8.0 CLOSED SESSION

Colin Lennard stated that pursuant to Government Code §54957 the Regional Council should convene into closed session to discuss the Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director. MOTION was made (Young) to convene into closed session. SECONDED (Ovitt). There were objections. Motion passed UNANIMOUSLY

8.1 Ratification of Executive Committee Report on Performance Evaluation of the Executive Director Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)

In open session it was announced that the matter would be carried over to the next meeting.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Carl Olsen, Chair, State Department Watch, provided comments regarding the Basic Pilot Program verifying the eligibility of persons to work in this country.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION was made (Brown) to approve the consent calendar. Motion was SECONDED (Young). There were no objections. Motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Minutes of Sept. 14, 2006 Meeting

3.1.2 Travel Request for International Conference on Goods Movement in Seoul, Korea

3.1.3 Southern California National Freight Gateway Strategy MOU

- 3.1.4 Workshop on Water Efficient Land Use Planning
- 3.1.5 Annual Update of SCAG's Communications Strategy
- 3.1.6 FY 07-08 Budget Outcomes
- 3.1.7 Fulbright and Jaworski Contract

This item was listed as item 5.1 on the Administration Committee. There was a consensus of the RC to consider it as part of the Administration Committee report. There were no objections.

3.2 **Receive & File**

- 3.2.1 Purchase Orders/Contracts between \$5,000 - \$250,000
- 3.2.2 CFO Monthly Financial Report for July 2006
- 3.2.3 State and Federal Legislation Matrix
- 3.2.4 End of Session Legislative Report

4.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

4.1 **Appointments**

Administration Committee

Hon. Glen Becerra, Simi Valley
 Hon. Bernard Parks, Los Angeles
 Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
 Hon. Greg Pettis, Cathedral City

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

To CEHD from SANBAG:

Hon. Kelly Chastain, Colton

RHNA Subcommittee of the Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD)

Imperial County	Hon. Jon Edney	Vacant
Los Angeles County	Hon. Paul Nowatka	Hon. Bernard Parks, Alternate
Orange County	Hon. Gil Coerper	Hon. Doug Davert, Alternate
Riverside County	Hon. Ron Loveridge	Hon. Charles White, Alternate
San Bernardino County	Hon. Tim Jasper	Hon. Larry McCallon, Alternate
Ventura County	Hon. Mary Anne Krause	Hon. Carl Morehouse, Alternate

Indirect Cost Task Force Special Subcommittee

Hon. Paul Nowatka, Chair, Audit Committee
 Hon. Toni Young, Chair, Administration Committee

4.2 GFOA Award

Wayne Moore, CFO, announced that SCAG received a certificate for excellence in financial reporting for its comprehensive annual financial report for year ending 2005. The financial staff was congratulated for their excellent accounting practices. The contract staff was also thanked for their assistance in this effort.

4.3 December 7, 2006

President Burke announced that the December meeting conflicts with the National League of Cities' meeting. After a discussion it was recommended that the meeting be held on December 14, 2006.

Motion made (Aldinger) to change the December 7 meeting to December 14, 2006. Motion was SECONDED (Young) and OPPOSED (Brown, Glaab, Lantz, Norby). The motion passed.

Staff was directed to research possible meeting conflicts of other organizations prior to scheduling the calendar for the year. In addition staff was also directed to present the conflicting dates to the Regional Council several months in advance.

Councilmember Becerra reported that staff is currently finalizing a calendar that will include meeting dates and possible conflicts of other organizations. Copies of this document will be mailed to the Regional Council as well as major organizations.

5.0 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano gave a brief overview on the following: 1) Continuous Improvement Program; 2) SCAG staff retreat scheduled for November 7, 2006; 3) The Conformity Findings for the Regional Transportation Improvement Program; and 4) Regional Housing Needs and Assessment (RHNA).

Mr. Pisano stated that SCAG's legislation regarding Tribal Nation participation in SCAG was vetoed by the Governor. He stated that the Governor had concerns with the issue of sovereignty. The Governor directed his Planning and Research staff to work with SCAG on further defining the sovereignty issue as well as researching how the Indian nations work within the State.

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Administration Committee Report

Fulbright & Jaworski Contract

At the September meeting, the Regional Council (RC) considered the proposed contract with Fulbright & Jaworski but requested that staff provide additional information with regard to hourly rates charged by

In addition the question was raised as to the use of a competitive process in the selection of the General Counsel. Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel, provided information to the RC on the process. However Supervisor Norby felt that a competitive process should be broadened and put into place for the future.

MOTION was made (Young) to approve the Fulbright and Jaworski contract Motion was SECONDED (Washburn) and OPPOSED (Jasper, McCallon, Garcia, Wapner, Dispenza, Glaab). The motion passed.

6.2 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

6.2.1 Support Proposition 1A

Proposition 1A is a constitutional amendment on transportation funding protection. The TCC recommended that the Regional Council (RC) support Proposition 1A.

MOTION was made (Baldwin) to support Proposition 1A. Motion was SECONDED (Young). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 31 AYES. The motion passed UNANIMOUSLY.

Support Proposition 1B

Proposition 1B is the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. The TCC recommended that the Regional Council support Proposition 1B.

MOTION was made (Baldwin) to support Proposition 1B. Motion was SECONDED (Brown). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 25 AYES and 6 NOES. The motion passed.

6.2.2 Resolution #06-478-2 Supporting Continued Study of a Tunnel Option to Complete the 710 Gap Closure

MOTION was made (Baldwin) to support Proposition 1A. Motion was SECONDED (Brown). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 31 AYES and 2 ABSTENTIONS (Campbell, Ten). The motion passed.

6.3 **Community, Economic & Human Development Committee (CEHD) Report**

6.3.1 Support Proposition 1C

Proposition 1C is the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. If approved, Proposition 1C would authorize the issuance of \$2.85 billion in general obligation bonds for various housing programs. The CEHD recommended that the RC support Proposition 1C.

MOTION was made (Bowlen) to support Proposition 1C. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 17 AYES and 16 NOES. The motion passed.

6.4 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

6.4.1 **Support Propositions 1E**

Proposition 1E is the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. The EEC recommended that the RC support Proposition 1E.

MOTION was made (Washburn) to support Proposition 1E. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 16 AYES and 15 NOES. The motion passed.

Support Proposition 84

Proposition 84 is the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. The EEC recommended that the RC support Proposition 84.

MOTION was made (Washburn) to support Proposition 84. Motion was SECONDED (Pettis) and ABSTAINED (Clark). The vote was called by a show of hands. There were 10 AYES and 20 NOES. The motion failed.

6.5 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee Report**

Councilmember Becerra thanked SCAG staff, for timely turnaround and completion of projects requested by the Subcommittee.

He reported that the Subcommittee reviewed SCAG's Draft Public Participation Plan and recommended that the TCC authorize its release for public comment.

A survey was distributed to the Regional Council concerning the General Assembly and Retreat. Upon reviewing and discussing the survey findings, the Subcommittee decided to form a Steering Committee for the 2007 GA and RC Retreat. The Subcommittee agreed that members should be more engaged in the planning of these two activities. Members of the Steering Committee are: Harry Baldwin, Debbie Cook, Gene Daniels, Bonnie Flickinger, Lee Ann Garcia, and Toni Young. He encouraged Regional Council members to participate on the steering committee.

6.6 **Southwest Compact Task Force Report**

Councilmember Greg Pettis announced that the 3rd Bi-National Hearing is scheduled for October 24-25, 2006. The hearing will be held in Yuma, Arizona.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 2007 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)

Jonathan Nadler, Program Manager, Air Quality & Conformity, provided a summary of the preliminary draft 2007 AQMP. The Energy and Environment Committee released SCAG's portion of the preliminary draft 2007 AQMP for Air Basin at its September 2006 meeting.

The preliminary draft AQMP is expected to be released by South Coast Air Quality Management District next week. The draft AQMP is expected to be released in December or January. The process continues with California Air Resources Board adopting the AQMP into the State Implementation Plan (SIP) which is submitted to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. The SIP is due to U.S. EPA in June 2007.

7.2 RHNA Funding Strategy for Subregions

Wayne Moore provided an overview on the RHNA funding strategy for subregions. He stated that an activity based program has been developed for purposes of reviewing activities required to complete the program. He stated that some of the issues surrounding the subregional costs are: 1) Delegation; 2) Knowing how many subregions that will participate in the program; and 3) The subregions scope of work that will determine the cost for the program. He stated funds available will be allocated to all internal and external activities.

9.0 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

9.1 Salary and Compensation of Executive Director

The matter will be carried over to the next meeting.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no requests for future agenda items.

11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Council is scheduled for November 2, 2006 at SCAG offices in downtown.


Mark Pisano, Executive Director